

# BRIGS YOUTH SAIL TRAINING

2022 IMPACT REPORT



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OPEN WATERS - OPEN DOORS



# ABOUT BRIGS

**Established in 1962, Briggs is dedicated to developing the skills young people need to flourish in today’s dynamic world.**

## RESILIENCE

Working and living in close quarters in all weather conditions is a unique experience. Our crew develop resilience as they work to overcome the challenges of life onboard.

## TEAMWORK

All hands on deck! Sailing a tall ship on the Great Lakes requires coordination and communication.

## SELF-CONFIDENCE

From the moment participants step on board they are working members of the ship’s crew with responsibility for themselves and their peers.

## COMPETENCE

We operate a year-round program teaching hands-on technical skills led by experts from education and industry.

## LEADERSHIP

All our officers are aged 13-18 and have grown through our program to lead and teach new participants.







We serve both urban and rural communities and introduce youth to the diverse and complex environments of the Great Lakes basin.



Communities visited in a typical summer (2022) across the province of Ontario.





**690**

New participants  
(2015-2022)

**90%**

Of participants report positive  
personal developments



**85%**

Of participants would recommend  
our programs

**25%**

Of participants received bursary  
funding to cover course costs



# TOP PARTICIPANT SURVEY FEEDBACK AREAS



I learned to work as **part of a team**



I **developed** new technical skills



I spent time away from **social media**



I **discovered** the Great Lakes and Canada's marine heritage



I **overcame** personal fears and challenges





I would not be who I am today without Brigs. I learnt a wide range of specialised skills and met some of the best people in my life. Brigs is one of the best experiences you can have.

***Jonah Charny, Brigs Alumni***



Brigs give young people a heightened sense of responsibility and a structure to grow into thoughtful leaders. I saw, my daughter, carry these skills forward well past her time with in the program.

***Bernadette Pileggi, Parent***



By stepping out of my comfort zone and joining Brigs I find that I have become more confident and independent outside of the program.

***Hannah MacLeod Kerr, Watch Officer***



While at Brigs I learned how important teamwork is - I worked together with my crew mates to find solutions for big and small problems, invaluable skills I see them still put to use after all these years.

***Francis Clegg, Brigs Alumni***



I feel that looking back on some of the most powerful memories of those years is a basis for the resilience and determination that our kids have developed as adults, and which is so necessary, especially these days.

***Sarah Neale, Parent***

# OUR COMMITMENT



We **strive**, through the Pathfinder Access Fund, to covers training costs for those needing assistance.

We **commit** to ensure our programs are available to youth from all backgrounds who wish to participate in them.

We **endeavour** to break down historic barriers to the world of marine careers and leisure.



## Our Community Partners



CityKidz Hamilton

Sail Training International

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Tall Ships Canada

Empowerment Squared

Broadreach Foundation

Ships 2 Shores

## Our Support Partners

Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority

Breakwater Financial

Sterling Fuels

The Marine Club

Master Mariners of Canada

RWL Laidlaw Merrythought Fund

The Shellbacks Club

The Bonnell Cove Foundation



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